

Application No. 09/764718

B1 sidewall thickness of the bulges at said ribs being greater than between adjacent ribs and at other locations on the sidewall.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 13-15.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 11 and 16 as follows:

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B2 1. (Amended) A nestable press formed container made at least partially of paperboard having a continuous sidewall with inner and outer surfaces defining a sidewall thickness therebetween and upper and lower edges, and a bottom wall formed along said lower edge of the sidewall, said sidewall being downwardly convergent and having a bulge projecting inwardly from said inner surface of the sidewall, and at least one bulge projecting outwardly from the outer surface of said sidewall, said thickness of the sidewall being greater at at least some locations along said bulges than at other locations on said sidewall, said at least one outwardly projecting bulge adapted to cooperate with the inwardly directed bulge of an underlying nested container to encourage aligned stacking of the containers.

B3 4. (Amended) The container of claim 3 wherein said inwardly and said at least one outwardly directed bulges include a plurality of peripherally spaced ribs which define locations in said sidewall which have a greater sidewall thickness than other locations on said sidewall.

B4 11. (Amended) The container of claim 10 wherein said second outwardly projecting bulge includes a plurality of peripherally spaced ribs which define locations in said sidewall which have a greater sidewall thickness than other locations on said sidewall.

B5 16. (Amended) The container of claim 1 wherein said container is made of a material that is a laminate that further includes a microwave susceptor layer.